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Proposed DCI Talking Points for a Call to Senators Boren and Cohen Regarding Briefing to the President, Tuesday, 3 May 1988

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checked with Barry Kelly of the NSC Staff about you making these two phone calls. Barry told Doug that Barry had raised it with General Powell and he agrees, but with a revised, expanded set of points.

The points to make are an expansion of the four points the DCI outlined (see asterisks) after the meeting with the President:

- o *The President's key national security advisors and I met with the President Tuesday afternoon. He received the briefing from Secretary Aldridge and from me.
- o *We understand the actions you took earlier; they got our attention.
- o *We are engaged constructive y on the full range of substance related to the Committee's Markup.
- O We expect to come in with a substantively strong package for FY-1989 in

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- o We intend to get a good, balanced start forward in FY-1989.
- o We will work with you (i.e., SSCI) to fund the money in FY-1990 and beyond.
- o It is not clear at present where the money will come from in the Federal Budget.
- o *We will be back to you soon.

General Powell intends to call the DCI later Wednesday morning after the calls to review where we are so far. And General Powell will call the two Senators later Wednesday afternoon.

N.B.: The details of the administration's counterproposal, and especially how it would be presented to Senators Boren and Cohen, will be worked out in the next day or so.

An example would be to have a meeting in the Situation Room between the DCI and General Powell--and perhaps a few more--on the one hand and Senators Boren and Cohen--and perhaps a few more--on the other hand.

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